



Austin City Council
MINUTES

WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed.

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, third floor training room, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

1. Consideration of and possible action on an ordinance to place proposed charter amendments on the May 4, 2002, ballot, including the following:

Items approved by Council resolution at March 7, 2002 meeting:

- C. Repeal of the Charter provision requiring newly elected city officers publish a campaign expense statement in an Austin newspaper. (Article 3, Section 7)
The second reading of the ordinance was approved, both the concept (Part 2, Proposition 5) and the new language (Part 12) as shown in the proposed ordinance labeled in Version C, on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Wynn's second on a 6-0 vote. Council Member Slusher was off the dais.
- D. A resign-to-run provision for municipal court judges.
See "E" for the action taken on D and E as a joint motion.
- E. A resign-to-run provision for officers or employees appointed by the Council.
The second reading of the ordinance was approved, both the concept (Part 2, Proposition 6) and the language for the ballot (Part 13) as shown in the proposed ordinance labeled in Version C, was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Council Member Griffith's second, on a 6-1 vote. Council Member Thomas voted no.
- A. To change the terms and the method of election of the City Council from election at-large to a method combining election of members from geographical districts and election of members at-large.
The second reading adopting Transition 5, as proposed by Council Member Wynn, and with the following direction to staff, was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 6-0-1 vote. Council Member Griffith abstained. The direction to staff was to include

wording concerning those with two year terms so they are excluded from the term limit provisions.

- B. Repeal of term limits for Mayor and Council. (Article 2, Section 3)
The second reading of the ordinance was approved, both the concept (Part 2, Proposition 2) and the language for the ballot (Part 9) as shown in the proposed ordinance labeled Version C on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Mayor Garcia's second on a 4-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, and Council Members Griffith and Slusher. Those voting nay were: Council Members Alvarez, Thomas, and Wynn.

Mayor Garcia recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 12:27 p.m.

- F. Repeal of the Charter section regarding campaign contributions and expenditures. (Article 3, Section 8)
The second reading of an ordinance was approved, both the concept (Part 2, Proposition 3) and the language for the ballot (Part 10) as shown in the proposed ordinance labeled Version C, on Council Member Wynn's motion, Mayor Garcia's second on a 4 to 3 vote. Those voting aye were Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, and Council Member Slusher and Wynn. Those voting nay were: Council Member Alvarez, Griffith and Thomas.
- G. City Council appointment of an electric utility consumer advocate.
The second reading of an ordinance was approved, both the concept (Part 2, Proposition 4) and the language for the ballot (Part 11) as shown in the proposed ordinance labeled Version C, on Council Member Alvarez' motion, second on a 4- 2-0 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, and Council Member Alvarez, Griffith and Thomas. Those voting nay were: Mayor Garcia and Council Member Slusher. Council Member Wynn was off the dais.
- H. Charter amendment providing that the city shall not maintain a confidential personnel file for a police officer.
This item was resolved at the Council Meeting on March 19, 2002.
- I. City Council appointment of the City Attorney.
This item was resolved at the Council Meeting on March 19, 2002.
- J. Increasing the City Manager's administrative purchase authority and clarifying that the City Manager's administrative purchase authority with respect to any one contract applies to each year of the contract rather than the entire life of the contract. (Article 7, Section 15)
This item was postponed to March 21, 2002.
- K. City Council appointment of a police monitor and a police oversight board.
This item was resolved at the Council Meeting on March 19, 2002.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. was approved on Council Member Griffith's motion, Council Member Slusher's second by a 6-0 vote. Council Member Wynn was off the dais.

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The minutes from the Special Called meeting of March 19, 2002, the Work Session of March 20, 2002 and the regular meeting of March 21, 2002 were approved on Council Member Thomas' motion, Council Member Wynn's second by a 7-0 vote.